

THE BISHOP'S BEER.

A Chicago Divine Who is Running a Saloon.

Fancy a reverend bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church, selling beer and drinks about a saloon? Yet this is what happens every day in Chicago. And the bishop not only serves drinks, but deals out hash, kidney stew and pork and beans as well. The clerical subject is the Right Rev. Samuel Fallows, D.D., bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church, and the place where he performs these interesting things is the Home Saloon, at 155 Washington street.

The place has not been in operation long yet the average attendance per day has been 2,400. Four thousand persons patronized it on the opening day. Crowds throng the place day and night and its promoters have difficulty handling the crush and furnishing the drinks, which are becoming famous.

Bishop Fallows believes men do not drink beer—that is, the majority do not—for the alcohol that is in it, nor for the tipsiness overindulgence induces. He maintains that they drink it as a beverage simply, and that the drunkenness is in most cases the result of unintentional excess.



REV. DR. FALLOWS.

There is nothing to indicate that the place is different in character from the thousands of basement saloons that flourish in Chicago. In fact, the highly polished brass posts and railings leading into the basement are in strong imitation of their alcohol subsidized competitors, and a stranger going into it and asking for a glass of beer would probably leave with no suspicion that he had not had the genuine thing, except a slight peculiarity in the taste of the beverage.

On the left side of the basement as one enters is the brilliantly lighted bar, glistening with the usual glassware and bottles and decanters exactly similar to those used in saloons and filled with many colored liquids, all non-alcoholic. Behind the bar are four bartenders, resplendent in white jackets, well groomed and dexterous in mixing decoctions and serving drinks.

On each side of the back bar is a portrait of Miss Frances Willard and Neal Dow, and about the room in conspicuous places are placards announcing the different kind of drinks.

The beer, or beerette, or Bishop's beer, as it is variously called is, as explained by the expert German chemist who makes it, "a pure extract of malt and hops, and while there is no alcohol in it any beer drinker will declare it to be a good drink, and a close counterfeit, without any of the bad effects of lager beer." Its exact composition the chemist says is a secret which he intends to jealously guard, for he thinks "there are millions in it."

A Novelty in Sleeping Cars.

A new style of sleeping car has recently been patented by a Western man. Each car is to contain rubber bags of various sizes and designs, some to be used as pillows, some as mattresses and others as cushions. At nightfall these bags are to be taken from the cupboard and carefully stretched over steel frames. When that is done hot air from the locomotive is to be turned on and the bags are to be inflated. In a very few minutes the cushions, mattresses and pillows will be inflated for use and then the porter to divest the sleeping sections. In perhaps fifteen minutes the whole sleeping car will be ready for use. The next morning all that it will be necessary to do is to turn off the hot air and so cause the collapse of mattresses, pillows and cushions.

The advantages claimed for the new patent are many and various. In the first place there will be a decided lessening of weight for the sleeping cars to carry. Again, the fixtures of sleeping berths take up a very large amount of room, which the new patent designs to save. Then the time taken up for preparing the berths and putting them up in the morning is considerable. It is claimed, too, that another effect of the invention will be to do away with much of the discomfort which now seems inseparable from travel on sleeping cars. A soft rubber cushion inflated with hot air ought certainly to be a pleasant substitute for a sleeping car mattress on a cold night.

Bicycle Trunks.

Bicycle trunks are a convenience recently offered to travelers who desire to take their wheels with them. The bicycle trunk stands on one edge and is only a few inches wide. Before the wheel is put into the trunk for shipping the handle bar and pedals are removed. These are placed in small compartments along the walls of the trunk. A bicycle packed in a trunk may be checked as baggage. Wheels which are sent unpacked in baggage cars are always liable to be broken.

Pitiful Fate of the Birds.

The Dahlonega (Ga.) Signal says: "During the blizzard hundreds of birds and many partridges were found dead in the woods in this section, having been frozen to death. Very often you would find snowbirds sitting with their head under their wings. You could pick them up, and after remaining in your hands awhile they would get warm and fly off."

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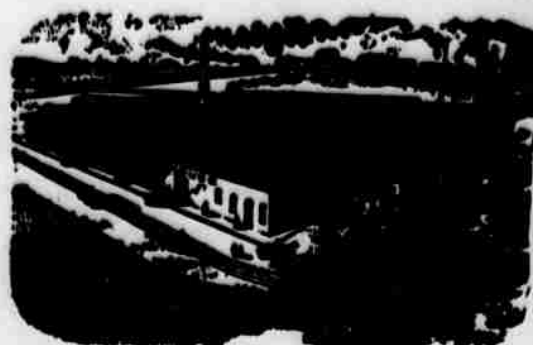
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